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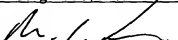


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Sir:

This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional

application of pending prior application Serial No. 09/853,554 filed May 11, 2001

for [Title]: PRINTING ON MICROSCOPE SLIDES AND HISTOLOGY CASSETTES

by [Inventors]: Peter Spencer EDWARDS of Sligo, IRELAND

1. ☒ A copy of the prior application is attached including Declaration.
2. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
3. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Division of application Serial No. 09/853,554 filed May 11, 2001 --
4. ☒ New ☒ Formal ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed:
Fig(s) 1-15.

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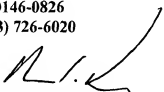
5. [x] Priority of the following foreign application(s) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119: Irish Short Term Application No. S2000/0369 filed May 12, 2000 in IRELAND; and European Patent Application No. 00203233.2 filed September 18, 2000.
6. [x] Certified copies were filed in prior application No. 09/853,554.
7. [x] The prior application is assigned of record to Innovative Science Limited, the assigned was recorded at Reel 011809, Frame 0238.
8. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.
9. [] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
10. [x] It is requested that the prior art made of record in the prior application 09/853,554 be cited and made of record in the present application.
11. [x] Small entity status was established in the parent application.
12. [x] Fees calculated based on claims filed in prior application, less any claims canceled above or by preliminary amendment.

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee	\$750.00
Total Claims Independent Claims	20 - 20 = 0	x	\$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00	
	3 - 3 = 0	x	\$ 84.00 =	0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)		+	\$ 280.00 =	<u>0.00</u>	
			Total	\$ 750.00	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing Small Entity				<u>375.00</u>	
			TOTAL ENCLOSED FEE	\$ 375.00	

13. [] THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THE ABOVE FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 18-2056.

14. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 18-2056: any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17; and any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
15. ☒ A power of attorney was filed in the prior application to
Marc A. Rossi, Registration No. 31,923:
- ☒ a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - ☐ b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - ☒ c. Address all future communications to

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